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INFERIOR QUALITY OF SOVIET SHEET STEEL DELIVERED TO EKM HOHENTURM

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1. By the first half of ~~1952~~ November 1952, 280 tons of boiler plate, 88-mm thick, were received by the EKM (Plant for the Construction of Power-Plant Machinery and Motors) Hohenturm; further shipments were expected *[from the USSR]*.

2. The Avtovelo plant in Oberschoeneweide sent an investigating commission to Hohenturm, equipped with an ultrasonic instrument, to check the boiler plates. The defective areas of the boiler plates were marked with chalk by the investigators. No plate was without defect. The plate was delivered without quality certificate under the designation "heavy plate in boiler plate quality." The analysis of the plate showed that the quality was inadequate for the production of boilers. The quality was similar to heavy plate quality St.37.11.

3. No decision had been reached as to how these plates were to be used. They might be shipped to Hettstedt for rolling down to lesser thickness and then might be used for general machine building.

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